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Dear *(first name)*

We are delighted to invite you to participate in a Workshop on Catastrophic Risks to take place June 4 and 5 2012 at SRI in Stanford California. This is a small working event sponsored by the US Air Force Office of Scientific Research at our research program in the Columbia Consortium on Risk Management (CCRM) of Columbia University and focused on optimal statistic decisions involving catastrophic risks. The topic includes the mathematical foundations of cognitive and economic phenomena with specific applications to climate change, which the Pentagon has identified as a national security issue, disruption of energy supplies and oil pipelines accidents, and other potentially catastrophic events. The participants will be invited to visit SRI's own work related to climate change, including the Global Thermostat Pilot plant at SRI that is currently in operation capturing carbon from air.

We would much appreciate your participation. The workshop will include presentations and discussion of research and publications on this timely and important topic.

The Organizing Committee includes Professors Louis Narens of UCI, Terence Agbeyegbe of Hunter College CUNY, Bala Rajaratnam of Stanford University, and Maria Victoria Rivas of University of Madrid, visiting professor of Statistics, Columbia University.

I hope very much you will be able to join us and share your intellectual views and research on this important and timely topic. The area is of national interest and involves path breaking questions and new formulations of probability and statistics as well as practical new approaches to the evaluation of risk and uncertainty.

We attach an Agenda, list of Participants and Background Material.

We look forward to hearing from you, and hope to see you at the Workshop in June!

With best regards,

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